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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION, INC.
THE AUTONOMOUS SOUTHERN REGION OF THE SUDAN

RADIO	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	GMT	MHz	RST	2 WAY
W9YT	19☐ 22☑ 20☐ 23☐ 21☑ 25	JUNE	1980	0512	3,5☐ 14☒ 7☐ 21☐ 28☐	599	CW ☒ SSB ☐

KENWOOD TS180S + DENTRON MLA2500
KENWOOD TS120S + VFO120
HY-GAIN 12AVQ + 2el. 15M Quad

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JUBA is the center of the Autonomous Southern Region of the Sudan. The area close to the Equator is different from the rest of the country, not only in terms of a more favorable climate and tropical nature, but also in regard to its people with a different color, race, religion and language.

Ours was the first flight made in three months across the 400-mile desert along the Nile River. We stayed four days in the area previously isolated due to cholera. People mostly plagued by chronic malaria were extremely friendly to foreigners assisting them in health care, education and other programs.

9.000 QSOs were made from the Juba Hotel were Nile fish was served for breakfast, lunch and dinner due to a food shortage. The equipment functioned flawlessly on a shaky 160 VAC – only the Dentron relay circuit had to be rewired for our 12 VDC battery which supplied our power during the hours of darkness.

We are extremely grateful to Dr. Sid Ahmed Ibrahim, ST2SA and Mr. Eduard Bashier of the Ministry of Information of the Southern Region for making this operation possible.

There are hundreds of people in Eastern Africa starving every day. The refuge camps in Somali and Sudan have nearly two million people. DROUHGT is destroying a whole generation. We cannot give them rain. Food we can. A fund is established by the Red Cross for this area. Please contact OH2BAD for details.